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A POEM

IN THREE PARTS

BY HENRY PETERSON

PART II

CONCLUDED.

And now our boat was floated along
As by some spirit, down and strong.
Towards that high and rocky coast;
And the billows howled and roared,
And easily leaped around our sides,
Exulting at their triumphful rise.
But hark—what noises that sudden cry
From the remotest distance spray?
A sound before the boat threw by.
Like a flood or rising fire gray.
A sharp black rock we entered now,
That none but natives e'er before
Had ventured with safety through.
And now it was a mere canoe
Of the stern waves, and no more thing.
The weak and shouting, the old and young,
Into the sandy whirling deep.
A cord now to a lower sheet,
So yielded more unto the mast,
Wherein with bed, assisted by glee,
Nature had grown wonds of might,
Of holy promise and delight.
Unconscious of the chance, which press
With energy that they would do the worst
And called on those who could not save.
Struggling to wheel the boat, which still
Lay on the waves, tossed at will.
Like some lofty wrangled for a crown.
Until she glided, and soon went down.
And then they knew what hope was most,
And sank despairing, one by one,
Till only two were left in the
To know that one of them was gone.

Was it not strange that he and I
Were shielded together thus to die?
To die and yet our strength was more
Than such perchance that doomed where
We can but feel, across every breast.
For we've had too much cause before
With many strife, or there must
The opposing waves, and like a tide
Like the lightning through a cloud,
But one our journeys half was done
The caterpillar's work and failing hand.
Told that her course was almost run
We would not help him, and he knew
It were but our despair to do
He asked it not, but silently sank
And he, the unfortunate, to death drank
His struggling being as with freedom laughter.
There turned with flowers from a wreath
Those who still died upon the treacherous flood.
Except in a Tiger that has tasted blood.

With arms that would and weaker grew
With every stroke, we neared the shore.
But I not more, for we'd known
Had it not been for a broken oar,
That more relentless wave had laid
Within my reach, and then I sprung
With whelming violence, and I sank
Towards that rocky coast, and knew
But hold—where's my companion? where?
I turned, and saw him fourth meeting
The waves which more than seven bearing
Pressing there within a mood
And that we'd been together true
With heavy strokes I gained his side
And with a sudden gush of pride.
Gave to his arm support, and we
Then seized again, and sought the shore.
Using with much skill the steady hand.
My enemies unto the land.

A wild and swollen wave, at length
Flung us with its own commanding might
Upon the shore and there we lay
Well hardly strength to crawl upon
From its surging flood.
We crept on like beasts we could.
Then yielded to the most which spread
Before our eyes the rock and bed.
And short to smile where we stood
Who have been battling with the deep.

When I awoke, the morning sun
His daily course had begun,
And my companion slumbered still.
But on not soundly, for a chief
Or pleasure-oft would come and go
On his then closed through the grief long spent
Breathing along the morning sea
With light and sweetness, and
Purchase he now to leave perme.
Her to her house, with kind caresses.
And learn the cause of her distress.
The softly thrilling notes of love.
It meditated me, though that she
Should be beloved by such as he.
Had I been he, I would have died
I stumbled in my wonderful grade.
Before I would not venture out
To see whom I had thwarted so.
He still slept on, and fearing lest
My angry words should break his rest,
I left him slumbering on the shore.
And turned my attention to explore
Its pines and vales, from interior
Lands on that rich and fertile coast.

Here after long I rested in rest,
To gain the summit of the chain
Of rocky rocks, which nearly round
Around that it was entirely land.
Like Naples city with its seven hills
Around the Lagoon of the Fay.
A mountain low, among a vale
And waved and undulated.
Bearing there lush with trees in view
Which, almost, seemed the foreign air.
As bought I reached the highest peak
And saw a sight which made me weak
To gaze such a vision bought.

With watery diamond sparkling
On her pearly-swelling breast,
Crowning golden with the dark'ning,
Now, crowning and crowd
Then, I caught the open valley,
And the loud complaining shore.
Heard the billows distant rally,
And their dull and heavy roar

Another prospect met my eye
Now on that fair enchanted isle;
Music, in the shadow of a wood,
Was entered, for, on the breezes soft
Of the bold sun, upon a green
Level and meadow, I could see
Where not a tree with sweepy play
Fanned the heated hour of day
And there he had enclosed a space
From the others bowled off their base
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Mr. Adams' Case.

The matter has at length been postponed. It came up again during last week, and the debate on the vote of censure, as will be seen in our Congressional News, was concluded for several days. The censure of urgent did not vary from that which we gave last week; but was a mere repetition. We have not thought it necessary, therefore, to report the case of the debate in full. Moreover the National Intelligencer refused to report the speeches of Mr. Adams, because that gentleman had complained that his remarks were not accurately given.

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The Resumption.

We gave a history, last week, of the excitement which had been produced by the Banks, and the means which had been adopted, and successfully, as it was then considered, to allay the public mind. The Banks had formally resumed specie payments. Every thing seemed to be safe to be restored; and the only difficulty remaining to be adjusted, was the payment of the notes which the Events have since transpired, however, which give a new aspect to affairs, and threaten us with serious embarrassment. We allude to the suspension of specie by the Legislature, and the effect which its passage will have, for a time, on the mercantile interests. The failure, on the part of the Bank of Pennsylvania, to pay the State interest, awakened, among all parties at Harrisburg, a general sense of indignation. The money for this interest had been deposited in that bank for more than two months. When the Girard Bank failed and the rest commenced to run upon the Pennsylvania Bank, that institution paid out the funds of the State, trusting to her deposite loan to discharge the interest on the State debt. But even the depositor became alarmed and withdrew their funds also, the Bank was left with scarcely any available currency in her vaults. The Governor, therefore, was anxious to save the State, instructed the Attorney General to ask the Supreme Court for an injunction. It was granted, as we have seen, by one process, which, if the run had continued for another day, would have been paid out, leaving the Bank entirely out of the specie currency. It is to be regretted that the injunction was not issued on Friday or Saturday, for, in this case the whole sum of $300,000 would have been preserved, and to the credit of the State maintained.

When the executive discovered the state of affairs, he communicated it to the Legislature, and suggested that the State interest loans been completed. The Legislature, however, was not to be thus easily frightened. It refused to raise a balance sufficient to pay the interest. For this purpose a requisition, as we have seen, was made upon the banks for the balance of the loan of 5 per cent. on their capitals. A loan of $300,000 was also asked from the city banks, the governor stating at the same time that available securities, procured from the Pennsylvania Bank, for the whole amount. To this proposition the Banks at first declined; but, on the next day, on the above stated, came to be demanded in specie, they united with the Legislature in the following resolutions:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

GENTLEMEN—The memory of approaching unwilling the facts of the Commonwealth, has more peculiarly engaged the attention some of our institutions than any other subject. Every effort has been made to prevent just expectations from being cast upon them, and have not hesitated to recommend the imposition of taxes, to meet the public liabilities, and to suspend specie payment, in order, faithfully, to meet the engagements of the Commonwealth, and the Legislature has just passed the necessary laws for that purpose. A considerable instalment has been paid to the creditors of the Commonwealth, as to her ability to meet the interest falling due on the 1st inst. By law, the Bank of Pennsylvania was constituted the depository of the State funds and is, therefore disbursing the interest on the public debt. The Executive, by the Constitution has the supervision of all the public treasury. The Constitution has wisely declared that with the Executive, no officer elected by the joint vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall be eligible to the Legislature, and that no member of the Legislature is eligible to any office during the period for which he may be elected, nor for one year thereafter. This regulation was made from long entertained apprehension, on the part of the framers of the Constitution, that it was not safe, and when required might not be forthcoming to meet the exigencies of the Commonwealth. We have ascertained that upwards of half a million of dollars were deposited in the Bank on the 1st inst. Not liable to the payment of the interest, and that it could not be applied to any other object. I requested that after about the 5th of January to commence the payment of such interest then, as by supposing that the bank, the public would be practically secured of our entire ability as well as willingness to pay our debts, and that the payment in specie, would only have a larger circulation to transact the public means on that subject, but avoid the risk of the Bank's refusing to pay specie for its notes. The Bank did proceed to the city of Philadelphia, in pursuance of the suggestion, but returned satisfied, as he inferred, from the representations of the officers of the Bank, that it was safe, and that the payment of specie would only occasion some inconvenience to the broader clerk.

Under these circumstances the legislature of that object, I repaired to Philadelphia on the 26th of January, after full communication with the State Treasurer and was unexceptionally engaged in the object of my mission until the 30th inst., and received statements and assurances from several of the directors, up to Friday evening, the 29th, of the Bank's ability to pay over on the 1st of February. On Saturday, the 30th, however, in consequence of the failure of the Girard Bank, and the run upon the Bank of Pennsylvania, a run was made on that institution, which was met until the usual closing hour of the day. But, being satisfied that this run would be continued on Monday, and convinced that the funds of the Commonwealth had not been paid over to the proper officers by the Bank, I addressed a letter to the President and Directors of the Bank, requesting to be informed whether it was their intention to make the payment of the interest due on the 1st inst. on the Monday following. The President and Directors, under their responsibility, assigning, or otherwise disposing of the funds, and more, in the opinion of the Executive, was required by the final action of the Court could be had, or other measures taken to secure the due accomplishment of that object. I repaired to Philadelphia on the 26th of January, after full communication with the State Treasurer,

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Congressional News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1841.

SENATE.—The Journal having been read, a communication was received from one of the Executive Departments.

The order of the day was taken up, being the one on Resolved business upon Mr Clay's resolution on the subject of the Executive Power.

Mr. Buchanan said he had not intended to have addressed the Senate at great length in defence of the Veto Message, but he felt it his duty to say a few words in reply to what had been said by the Senator from Kentucky, in relation to the exercise on the government of the old guard and in the new. He was governed on the last Power did not originate with Mr. Jefferson. Only twenty times by all the Presidents, and Mr. Jefferson himself, has such Power been exercised, but each time after the most mature deliberation he considered that the Veto Power was necessary for the preservation of the republic.

Mr. Buchanan then went over these and four others.

Mr. Clay said that on the subject he was not fully passed for the present, and the Senate after an Executive session, adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Adams called up the resolutions, those introduced by him on the 25th ult. in relation to the Speaker's decision that Mr. Adams's motion to refer the petition of Mr. Slade to a committee of investigation for his censure.

Mr. Adams said he had been informed of the gratification which the resolutions had given to many persons, to twelve a portion of the subject, to which

Mr. Adams replied, that Mr. Jones of Mr. moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

Mr. Adams then asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the question was taken, and decided in the affirmative—ayes 97, nos 8 96.

Mr. Adams then moved to suspend the rules to correspondence connected with the case of Captain Bolton of the U. S. Navy, was then read, and Mr. Adams moved that it be printed.

Mr. Wise rose and submitted an amendment to the last motion, which was read, and was to the effect that the President be requested to communicate to the House the correspondence between the Secretary of State and Mr. Fox, relative to the case of Alexander McLeod, now in jail in the State of New York, and that he be requested to inform the House whether any correspondence has taken place between the Secretary of State and the Governor of New York, relative to the case of McLeod.

Mr. Adams said that he had no objection to the amendment, but regarded it unnecessary to the subject.

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Mr. Adams replied that he was anxious to have the subject before the House.

Mr. Wise asked whether this amendment was in order?

The Speaker replied that it was, being an amendment to an amendment.

Mr. Adams replied to the remarks of Mr. Wise, in order to show that the Secretary of State had not been remiss in his duty to the State of New York, and that the Governor of that State had been properly discharged.

Mr. Wise said he did not intend to say a word.

The Speaker stated the question to be on the motion of Mr. Adams to lay the whole matter on the table, and to reconsider the vote by which it was ordered.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Adams for the passage of his three resolutions, the first of those calling for the correspondence between the Secretary of State and Mr. Fox, the British Minister at Washington, relative to the case of Alexander McLeod, in reference to the negotiation of foreign treaties. A motion was made to lay the resolutions on the table, and the question was taken on the table, ayes 99, nays 121.

Mr. Adams then moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered to be taken.

The question was then taken on the first resolution, and decided in the affirmative—ayes 97, nos 8 96.

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Mr. Adams then moved to lay the motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolutions were ordered to be printed on the table.

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THE OLIO.

Variety's the spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor.

The Wry Last Observations of Wilder, Esquire.

SUNG AT THE DINNER TO HIM, IN BOSTON, CONTRIVED BY "STARRY."

Remember not I says, Bee,
You're going to cross the sea;
I blessed my ways, Bee,
To visit Amerikee.
A blessed act of scourges.
As books of travels tells;
No'tis'nt one's eye to vouch you, Bee,
Nor even Samuel's.

They've 'stablish'd a steam line, Bee,
A n'hot innovation,
It's nothin' but a trap to 'tice
Our famins' population;
A set of blessed casualties—
My warnin' I repeats—
For ev'ry van they cotches, Bee,
Without sile they eats!

Then I'd not you, Bee, in Boston!
They'll eat you in New York!
Wherever caught, they'll play a blow,
Say'd knife and fork!
There's prayers in Boston now that Cunard's little may see here
Because their wages be raised, Bee,
Dear Bee, to set you first!

They lately caught a prince Bee,
A true'un, from France,
And all the blessed nations,
Assemblies for a dance!
They spares him they' the ev'nin', Bee,
But with a hungry stare;
Contrives a tasty supper dee',
And then they eats him there!

Just think of all of peace, Bee,
Devoured by these shrewd;
Avoid their greedy lures, Bee,
Their eagerness is steady;
For years they've been a feastin', Bee,
Nor paid for their repast;
And vont they make a blessed feast
When they catches you at last!

Lord! how they gobbled "Prescott"—fine
Which "Oliver befel;
And wearing movies next—"Nor" and "Smoke,"
And wearing eyes as well!
Poor "Neil" was not too tender, Bee,
Nor ugly "Quily" too tough,
And "Barnaby"—and blow it'n'er
I thinks that it were enough!

I'll sail you 'cut you dose, Bee,
Save go it seems you will,
If you would not expose, Bee,
Yourself their mens to fill.
Just "Mercier" or "Prolapse," Bee,
Within your pocket keep—
For blow me if I ever thinks
They'll ever swallow them!

Conundrums.

EPERGLINE.—There is a smart epigram made by some wit on the circumstance of a card-playing young lady marrying her partner—

Trumps ever ruled the charming maid—
Such are the world will pardon her:
The deuscane turned up a spade—
Fate ordered John, the gardener!

Dr. Aldridge's "five reasons for drinking" contain a good deal of humor, mixed with their epigrammatic point, and undeniably give the true philosophy of the true toper:—

"Good wine; a friend; or being dry,
Or, lest we should be, by and by,
Or any other reason why."

BERNE, we believe, is the author of the following compliment on a selfish politician who commuted his speeches to memory:—

C—— has no heart, you say, but I deny it:
He has a heart—he gets his speeches by it!

In "Don Juan" there is a great number of excellent epigrams, but we should like to see any two the authors, or of the poet, that separation would materially dull their point. We conclude with one from Tom Moore:

I never gave a kiss, says Poz
To naughty man, for I abhor it.
She never gave a kiss 'tis true,
She'll take one though, and thank you for it.

A DEAF KIDD.—A serious trial was recently held at Middleset Assizes, in England. Thomas Bunn, a servant, stated, that on the day after Christmas, he was in the room where the defendant, Caroline Newton, and her sister, who had come from Birmingham, were present. The latter jokingly observed that she had promised her sweetheart that no man should kiss her while absent. A holiday time, Barnstead considered a challenge, and caught hold of her and hissed her. The young woman took it as a joke, but the latter, the defendant, said she would like as little of that kind of fun as he pleased. Sutterland told her she was angry, he would kiss her also, he then tried to do it, and they both fell to the ground. On rising, the woman struck him; he again tried to kiss her, and on the scuffle she bit off his nose, which she spat out of her mouth. The action was brought to recover damages for the loss of the nose. The defendant said he had no intention to kiss her, if she wanted kissing she had a husband to kiss her, a better looking man than ever the prosecutor was. The jury without hesitation acquitted her, and the defendant said, that if she had attempted to kiss a woman against her will, she had a right to bite off his nose if she had a fancy for so doing.

Epigram on a Vapid Orator.

BY WILLIAM WALLACE.

I have all wonder,' quoth Barlow even,
To hundred times a-day that dunce
Must lose ground at least each morning
Which hundred never hit before.
And grands succeed.' Portion, friend,
Will family succeeds never end!

NAME OBSERVATIONS.—It has been remarked by a friend of ours, a shrewd observer of human nature, that sailors, when they speak, say always language.

That carpenters are, for the most part joiner men.

That shoemakers are remarkable for their cheeks, as they generally give their awl when they see a case of real famine.

That sawyers are good pay, for they generally plead the amount of their bill.

That butlers, of all all wheeled, are fearless fellows.

That watchmakers are bad customers to the grocers, for they generally deal in tick.

That printers generally make good lawyers, from their previous acquaintance with cases.

That barbers always succeed in making love to rain women, owing to their knowledge of auff soap.

That gunsmiths are the only honest men who deal in steels.

That doctors are living paradoxes, for though they deal at wrongside have an extensive.

BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.—The following beautiful poetry is declared by the New York Twitter to be entirely original:

Now that alone at night,
Are in its open chimney,
That to the fire of light
In a roaring pipe gleams,
And I'll take to your cigar.

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ARMY.—Nobody is more sublime in nature than a watchman, except no death, and a village pump is being under a storm. To feel this in all its vigor one should be aroused from a midnight slumber like the following rich stanzas, which we find in some papers.

TO SALLY.

BY ALEXANDER SMALLPIE.

Sally Dumpkins are the gal
What I does most and most,
I feel her all sweet charms fal,
And me her Romeo!

PRETTY GOOD.—The St. Louis Bulletin tells the following:

Last night when the congregation of one of the churches, were leaving the house of worship, it encountered Mayfield, a lady and to the gentlemen who accompanied her and her sister. "Why is rains—saved and gentlemen." "Why, my dear," said the gentleman, "you see neither sugar nor salt, and rain will not hurt you." "Indeed, my lady," "but we are humbled."

SHOCKING CATASTROPHE.—A person who had been brought up to the trade of making brooms, turned preacher. One day he heard one of his sermons, and explained that he was on sweeping in his commerce of some kind of "sinners."

A SURE.—A sad an old woman present, who remembered the time when "Adam's rapid has old lonesome."

EVENTIVE.—If you be a rich man, you may enter the room with three loud bows, march deliberately up to the chimney, and turn your back to the fire. If you be a poor man, I would advise you to shrink into the room as fast as it can, and plant yourself, as usual, upon the corner of a chair, in a remote corner.

IS AND HIS HIS "CHARACTERS."—"Were the slang of war Cant Cant, similar to Parliament, about a dozen years ago, a Yankee boy remarked that an American ship of war cannot get to sea, I should, because it sounded so much like a Congress."

A GRAPHIC DUN.—Paul a pretty woman to a friend of ours a few days since, and asked him to call and pay some of the little bill that you owe him." Would that I could! would I could remind a pale creature to pay up!"

HOMOGENEOUS.—Which Dr. —— and Senator Pearce were walking by, one to some, "Those two are just equal to one lightsmart," observed Michigan. "Why so?" "Why it is a lawyer and a doctor—just money to your liver."

VERY HARD.—The hardest fare I ever experienced, and an old codger," was the time when I got lost in the woods. I slept on a rock, cracked hickory nuts my teeth for a lunch. There was hard times."

ONE OR THE OTHER.—To writers even there must be academic men, editors or schoolmasters, books or boy-mots, camps and campaigns, or schools and churches—the cartridge box or the bullet box.

From the Lady's Companion for February, 1843.

Olivia Weston,
The Young Schoolmistress.

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Winterton having attained a respectable rank among country villages, the inhabitants, although they did not feel themselves able to build an academy, thought that they might, at least, afford to hire a schoolmistress during six months in the year, whose salary, when added together to teach their daughters something more than they could acquire at the common schools. After much discussion of these was therefore chosen, intrusted with full power to procure whatever female they thought would answer the purpose, provided she could be obtained for "two dollars and a quarter per week." After making many inquiries, and several fruitless applications, they heard of a Miss Olivia Weston, the eldest daughter of a widow, with a large family, who, it was thought, might be obtained for the proposed price. The distance was eight or ten miles, and they started directly after dinner.

While the three "committee-men" were on their way, Mrs. Weston and Olivia, together with Mrs. Parke—Mrs. Weston's sister—who had walked a mile to spend the afternoon with them, for she had heard that they were in affliction, were engaged in earnest conversation. They were sitting together in the parlor, called, in those days, in the country, the "best room." The unpainted floor was of an almost snowy whiteness, and the old fashioned chest of drawers, and the large walnut table, supported by a heavy frame, were of the former's right or two